

March 11, 1992

Mr. Keith L. Hansen, President
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RE: Proposed Distribution Plan for the Utah Lake

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your comments on behalf of the North Jordan Irrigation Company concerning the State Engineer's proposed distribution plan for the Utah Lake drainage basin. We believe that this is an important undertaking and is necessary to ensure that all water rights are protected and we appreciate your support. Following is our response to your comments:

1. Concerning Water Right Number 59-3496 held by the North Jordan Irrigation Company, we agree that there is an inconsistency between Table 1 and the table showing the storage rights within the basin. The inconsistency will be corrected in the next draft. The footnote contained in the storage right tabulation has been deleted.
2. Your comment and suggestion contained in paragraph 4 is a good point and is perhaps the best approach to take in implementing the proposed plan. We are concerned, as you are, that the water users do not fully understand all aspects of the proposed plan as well as we would like.

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It is our intent to work with water users to ensure that they have the opportunity to understand all aspects of the proposed plan. As we proceed with this effort we will probably do so on an interim basis as you suggested to allow the water users the time to become more familiar with the various provisions of the proposed plan and it would also allow us to correct any problems which develop.

3. In all of our written documents and in the public meetings we have stressed over and over again that this is a water distribution proposal and is **NOT** an adjudication of any water rights in the basin. Also, this is **NOT** a proceeding under either the Utah Administrative Procedures Act or Ruling-Making Act. Based upon your suggestion we will try and emphasis this fact even more in our future documents.

We thank you for your efforts in providing comments to us concerning the proposed distribution plan. We will keep you apprised of any future developments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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